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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 1, 2000

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At the relation of the

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUA990054

Ex Parte: In the matter of
Adopting additions and
amendments to the Commission's
rules governing the filing of
utility rate increase applications

ORDER SETTING HEARING

By order entered September 14, 1999, the Commission established this proceeding for the consideration of amendments or additions to its rules governing utility rate increase applications and annual informational filings.

After notice to interested parties and the public, the Commission received comments on the proposed amendments and additions from the following: The Potomac Edison Company, d/b/a Allegheny Power; Washington Gas Light Company, Appalachian Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power ("AEP-VA"); the Office of the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Counsel; Old Dominion Electric Cooperative and its member distribution cooperatives, together with the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (collectively, "the

Cooperatives"); Kentucky Utilities Company, d/b/a Old Dominion Power Company; Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"); Roanoke Gas Company; Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.; GTE South Incorporated; Atmos Energy Corporation, d/b/a United Cities Gas; Delmarva Power & Light Company, Virginia - American Water Company; and Virginia Natural Gas (collectively "the Companies"); and the Virginia Committee for Fair Utility Rates and the Old Dominion Committee for Fair Utility Rates (collectively, "the Industrial Electric Customers"). AEP-VA, Virginia Power, the Cooperatives, and the Companies requested a hearing on the proposed changes to the rules.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the comments and requests for hearing filed herein, is of the opinion and finds that the requests for hearing should be granted. We will permit the parties having filed comments and desiring to offer evidence at the hearing either to adopt their comments as their testimony or to prefile separate testimony. Any party adopting its comments as its testimony must identify its witness(es) who will sponsor the comments and must provide a brief description of the specific issues the party intends to address at the hearing. We will also direct the Commission Staff to prefile testimony or adopt its November 9, 1999, Report in accordance with the terms specified above applicable to the parties. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant to the proposed additions and amendments to the Commission's rules governing utility rate increase applications and annual informational filings is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(2) On or before May 1, 2000, the Commission Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any testimony (or its filing adopting its Report) it expects to introduce at the hearing scheduled herein.

(3) On or before May 22, 2000, any party having filed comments who desires to offer evidence at the hearing scheduled herein shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any testimony (or its filing adopting its comments) it expects to introduce at the hearing, and shall serve a copy of such filing on all parties to this proceeding.

(4) Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing on June 6, 2000, need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself to the bailiff as a public witness.